44:Matthews and Akrawi S, G-3 (1945-1946)1949 Ml Middle East
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yearly and final examinations lead to the diploma in nursing or in nursing and midwifery.

The Faculty of Medicine has one hospital of 160 beds and another with 60 beds in obstetrics. It has also an outpatient clinic. The School of Dentistry has 13 dental chairs. Laboratories in chemistry, physics, anatomy, biochemistry, histopathology, and other subjects are located mostly in the nearby old building of the religious school of Sultan Sulayman. The laboratories on the whole are of modest proportions and the building is unfit for them.

The Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law gives a course of three years above the second *baccalauréat*. With the shortening of the secondary course it is hoped to lengthen the course to four years. Students are prepared to be lawyers, judges in civil courts, and judges in Shar' (Muslim law) courts. Many of the graduates become government officials. The examinations leading to the degree of *Licence* in Law are conducted by committees consisting usually of two professors and a prominent judge, lawyer, or government official for each of the subjects. These external examiners are appointed by the Minister of Education. Graduates must work in a law office for two years before being licensed to practice before the courts. The government when endeavoring to fill a legal office holds its own special examinations which in the case of filling a vacancy in the Shar' courts include examinations in Muslim law.

Study at the Faculty of Law relies heavily on lectures. A student is permitted to absent himself from up to 50 percent of the lectures. A long period is allowed at the end of the year for the final examinations. Naturally, cramming at the end of the year is the prevailing practice.

The University library consists of 12,000 volumes, mainly in Arabic, French, and English. Books may be read in the library and are lent outside the library only to members of the teaching staff.

Student registration in 1945–46 was as follows:

Faculty	Enrollment
Medicine	256
Pharmacy	59
Dentistry	32
Nursing and midwifery	49
P.C.B. class	103
Law	541
Total	1,040

63:Simmons et al G-5 (1941-1951) 1964
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Outpatient clinics are connected with all the government hospitals. The clinics and the dispensaries maintained by the Ministry totaled 111 in 1951, including maternal and child health centers in Damascus, Aleppo and Latakia; mobile dispensaries in 7 provinces; and 6 special mobile units, 2 each for the treatment of schistosomiasis, malaria and bejel or syphilis. A demonstration center was established in connection with the maternal and child health clinic in Damascus in 1952 by the Ministry, in cooperation with the World Health Organization and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. The center provides training for district doctors, nurses and midwives, as well as courses for medical and nursing students and practitioners, in the various aspects of maternal and child health. A tuberculosis demonstration clinic and training center was also opened in Damascus by the Ministry, in conjunction with Syrian University and the World Health Organization.

Laboratories. The Ministry of Health operates a central laboratory in Damascus. It has divisions for the performance of bacteriologic, serologic, chemical and biochemical examinations; for the preparation of typhoid, cholera, smallpox and rabies vaccines; and for the analysis of foods and drugs. Small diagnostic laboratories are also established in the administrative centers of the other provinces.

The municipal health department in Damascus maintains a laboratory for the examination of water, milk, cheese and other foodstuffs. Research and diagnostic laboratories are connected with the technical departments of the medical school in Damascus, and clinical laboratory facilities are available in all the larger hospitals.

Schools. A medical school is affiliated with Syrian University in Damascus. The Faculty of Medicine was founded in 1901 under the Ottoman government and incorporated in the University in 1923. It confers the degree of Doctor of Medicine on the completion of a 6-year course of study, but